

REMARKS

Claims 17-20, 22-26, and 33 are pending in this application. Claims 17, 25, and 33 are independent claims. No new subject matter is added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 17-26 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,689,548 to Maupin et al. (hereinafter "Maupin '548") or U.S. Patent No. 5,712,900 to Maupin et al. (hereinafter "Maupin '900"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit that Maupin '548 and/or Maupin '900 fail to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, "sending a call back request from a call register associated with a public service answering point (PSAP) switch to another call register, the call back request requesting that a mobile switching center, serving the mobile station, establish a call between the mobile station and a public service answering point (PSAP)", as recited in claim 17.

Instead, both Maupin '548 and '900 disclose that if a first emergency call connection is disconnected and a PSAP wishes to call-back a mobile station 30, a second IAM signal 150(2) with a received MSC directory number as a CDPN is transmitted from the PSAP 110 to the MSC/VLR 40 (see col. 4, lines 44-51 of Maupin '548). A received MSISDN representing the mobile station 30 is then included with a second IAM signal 150(2). The call set-up request is then routed to a serving MSC/VLR 40 as indicated by the specified CDPN. An application module 155 within the serving MSC/VLR 40 then extracts the encapsulated MSISDN number representing the mobile station 30 and establishes the call-back connection with the determined mobile station 30 (see col. 6, lines 6-17 of Maupin '548). There is no call register associated with a PSAP switch taught in Maupin '548 and '900 (see also Fig. 7). Therefore, neither reference, alone or in combination, can disclose or suggest "sending a call back request from a call register associated with a public service answering point (PSAP) switch to another call

register," as recited in independent claim 17.

Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable for at least the above reasons. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 18-20 and 22-24, being dependent on claim 17, are likewise allowable at least for the reasons set forth with regards to claim 17. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 25 recites "receiving...a call back request from a call register associated with the PSAP switch," which is a similar limitation to that argued above with respect to claim 17. Therefore claim 25 is likewise allowable at least for the reasons set forth with regards to claim 17.

Claim 26, dependent on claim 25, is likewise allowable at least for the reasons set forth with regards to claim 25. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 33 is allowable for similar reasons discussed above with respect to claims 17 and 25. In particular, Maupin '548 and '900 fail to disclose or suggest "a PSAP call register for routing a call back request from the PSAP switch to a mobile switching center which served an emergency call from a mobile station identified in the call back request" (emphasis added). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

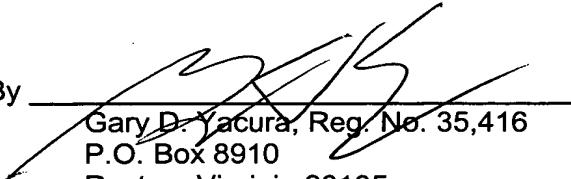
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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